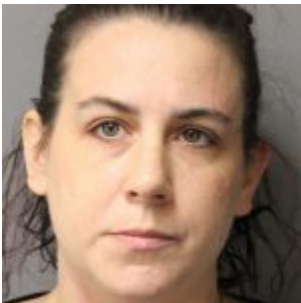


Wanted Subject Leads to Multiple Arrests-Milton



Lenear D. Kellam



Marissa Mess

Milton— The Delaware State Police in conjunction with Probation and Parole Officers responded to a residence to serve a warrant in which several arrests were made.

The incident occurred on Thursday, February 1, 2018 at approximately 6:30 p.m., as members of the Governor's Task Force (GTF) responded to a residence in the 20000 block of Harmon Drive in reference to attempting to locate a wanted subject, 30-year-old **Marissa Mess** of Millsboro. Mess was wanted by the Newark Police Department for endangering the welfare of a child and violation of probation. GTF had obtained information that Mess was actively residing at this location, along with another subject, who was currently on Level III probation.

Upon arrival, GTF members knocked on the side door to the residence several times and received no answer. Task Force officers, who were standing at the rear of the residence, heard people moving around inside and also heard a female's

voice. After several minutes, Marissa Mess's mother, 54-year-old **Cheryl Mess** of Millsboro, finally answered the door and indicated that Marissa Mess was not at home, and that she was the only one present in the residence.

Probation Officers assigned to GTF were able to access the residence due to the Level III probationer reporting it as his address. Upon entering the residence, a subject identified as 37-year-old **Lenear D. Kellam** of Millsboro, attempted to flee out of the rear door of the residence. Kellam ran into a back bedroom and exited the residence by crashing through a closed window causing the glass to break. Kellam then began to flee on foot and was given verbal commands to stop and get on the ground. Kellam ignored these commands and continued to flee. Subsequently, a detective deployed his Taser and eventually took Kellam into custody. Once taken into custody, Kellam was found to be in possession of six bags of heroin and approximately 4.98 grams of marijuana. Kellam was transported by officers to the Beebe Medical Center due to injuries he sustained from jumping through the window. He was treated and released back into police custody.

While officers continued to search the interior of the residence, they located Marissa Mess hiding in a bedroom closet. When Marissa Mess was taken into custody, drug paraphernalia was located on the floor of the closet directly where she had been hiding.

Lenear Kellam was charged with Criminal Mischief, Resisting Arrest, Conspiracy 3rd, Possession of Heroin, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Possession of Marijuana. Kellam also had an active warrant out of Troop 5 for resisting arrest and three capiases for Violation of Probation, Failure to Appear in Court and Failure to Pay Fines. Kellam was arraigned out of the Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on \$29,000 cash only bond.

Marissa Mess was charged with Resisting Arrest, Conspiracy 3rd

and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Marissa was arraigned out of the Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to the Delores J. Baylor Women's Correctional Institution on \$9,000 cash only bond.

Cheryl Mess was charged with Hindering Prosecution. She was issued a criminal summons and released.

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